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WEST VIRGINIA AUGUST 1 CROP PRODUCTION FORECAST

WEST VIRGINIA - All Other Hay production is forecast at 1,218,000 tons, up 41 percent from 2007. The area harvested is expected to total 580,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from 2007. Average yield per acre is forecast at 2.10 tons, up 0.6 of a ton from 2007.

Based on August 1 conditions, **apple** production is forecast at 88 million pounds, up 10 percent or 8 million pounds from 2007.

Peach production of 5,600 tons is carried forward from the July forecast. The forecast is up 33 percent, or 1,400 tons from the 2007 crop, and up 400 tons from the 2006 crop.

UNITED STATES, AUGUST 1, 2008 FORECAST, WITH 2007 COMPARISONS

- Corn for grain production - 12.3 billion bushels, down 6 percent.
- Corn yield - 155.0 bushels per acre, up 3.9 bushels.
- Oats production - 89.9 million bushels, down 2 percent.
- Winter wheat production - 1.87 billion bushels, up 24 percent.
- Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures hay production - 70.9 million tons, down 2 percent.
- Other hay production - 77.0 million tons, down 1 percent.
- Apple production - 9.17 billion pounds, up slightly.
- Peach production (Including Clingstone) - 1.09 million tons, down 3 percent.
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- All tobacco production - 796.0 million pounds, up 2 percent.
- Burley tobacco production - 199.7 million pounds, down 4 percent.
- Soybean production - 2.97 billion bushels, up 15 percent.
- Barley production - 218.0 million bushels, up 3 percent.